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# **Charter Review Commission**

## ***Report of Findings and Recommendations***

### Commission Members:

- ❖ Will Sowell – *Chairman*
- ❖ Jim Joyner – *Vice Chairman*
- ❖ Richard Abernethy
- ❖ David Buck
- ❖ Mark Dunton
- ❖ Jerry Holder
- ❖ Doug Mousel
- ❖ Tim Nelson
- ❖ June Taylor
- ❖ William Woodard

## Commission's Mission

*As required by Charter Section 11-07 (1):*

*Inquire into the operation of the City government under the Charter and determine whether any provisions require revision....*

*Propose any recommendations it deems desirable to insure compliance with the Charter of the City government...*

*Report its findings and present its recommendations to the City Council.*

## Review Effort

- Reviewed the Charter Item by Item
- Considered Council/Staff Suggested Revisions and met with Council in two workshops
- Solicited Public Input - Web Page, E-mail, News Release, Citizen Input
- Considered Member Raised Questions/Issues
- Examined Other City Charters, Texas Law, City Ordinances, Federal Law/Cases, Texas Municipal League's Information, and Prior Frisco Charter Commission Efforts

## Recommended Revisions

### Governance

- *Council Places* – Clarifying which Council places are up in what year and to remove language which is no longer necessary. (SECTION 3.01)
- *Term Limits* – Expand to 3 three-year terms to address issues of continuity and ability for City to be more effective on statewide basis. Similar increase for Mayoral terms. Total of 18 years service. Also increasing ineligibility period - 10 months changed to 1 full term. (SECTION 3.02)
- *Quorum/Voting* - Revised to comply with current practice and state law and to address when certain percentage of votes is required. (SECTION 3.10)
- *Elections* – Changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May to comply with Texas Law. (SECTION 5.01)
- *Filing for Office* – Reducing minimum to 18 years of age (as allowed in Texas Law) and clarify which 12 month residency period is applicable. (SECTION 5.02)

## Recommended Revisions

### Governance

- *Petitions for Recall/Initiatives* - Clarify petition signature requirements by qualified voters, designating the percentage of required signatures be at least thirty (30) percent of the number of votes cast at the last regular mayoral election, and specifying that the requirements for information on each signer of the petition be as set forth in the Texas Election Code; and making the requirements for initiative petitions the same as in recall elections. (SECTION 6.02) (SECTION 6.13)
- *Planning and Zoning* – Clarifying the qualifications and structure of the Planning and Zoning Commission and providing that the City Council may adopt by ordinance the procedures for appointment of members, length of member terms, meetings, and other operational matters of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Also, clarifying quorum determination, timing on procedures, and approval on Comprehensive Plan capital improvements element. (SECTION 9.01) (SECTION 9.03) (SECTION 9.04)

## Recommended Revisions

### Governance

- *Prohibition on Sale of Alcohol in Residential Districts* – Added because required by Texas law to be in Charter if sales of liquor are to be prohibited in residential zoning districts. (SECTION 9.06)
- *Transitional Provision* - Removing an unnecessary and overbroad transitional provision from original adoption of Charter. (SECTION 13.04)

# Recommended Revisions

## Governmental Structure

- *City Secretary* - Placing the City Secretary under the direct supervision of City Manager as are other Department Directors. (SECTION 3.07) (SECTION 4.02)

## Ethics and Political Activity

- *Employee Gift Procedure* - Requirement to City Manager to establish procedures. (SECTION 4.06)
- *Political Activities* – clarification of restrictions on employees. (SECTION 14.05)
- *Gifts Provisions* - As recommended by Council to Commission with exception of how employees would be addressed. (SECTION 14.09)



## Next Steps by City Council

*As required by Charter Section 11-07 (2):*

- *Receive and have published in the official newspaper of the City a comprehensive summary of the report presented by the Commission.*
- *Shall consider any recommendations made.*
- *May order any amendments suggested to be submitted to the voters of the City.*